



### ***Remarks***

The specification has been amended to add paragraph [0000.1] which contains the cross-reference and priority claim to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/194,463, filed April 4, 2000. The specification has also been amended by the addition of new paragraph [0026.1] which contains a brief description of Figure 17. Support for new paragraph [0026.1] can be found in paragraph [0305] of the application as filed. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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*(New paragraphs [0000.1] and [0026.1] have been added.)*